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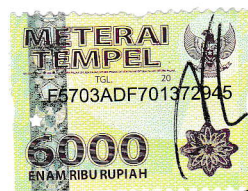
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First published in 1936, Mulk Raj Anand's *Coolie* presents a story of Munoo, a boy who lives during British colonization in India. This novel consists of five parts, each part shows how Munoo as a coolie, moves to different cities and experiences many kind of menial jobs in India. The story strongly presents the influences of British colonization in Indian social life.

The indirect impacts of British colonization experienced by coolie, the inferior part of Indian society, are divided into three parts; social, economy and physical impacts. This study which focuses on those impacts uses postcolonial approach and theory of class distinction, to explain the exploitation and discrimination happens in India which undergo by the unskilled workers.

The result of the study shows that the profound influences of British colonization in Indian culture and economy stimulated the change in Indian society. The Indian started to be differentiated into two parts, superior and inferior. People treated others based on their social class. The working class in India is not only discriminated socially but also exploited economically and physically by the upper class, because it is classified as the inferior part in Indian society.

ABSTRAK

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Pertama kali dipublikasikan pada tahun 1936, novel *Coolie* karya Mulk Raj Anand menampilkan cerita tentang Munoo anak laki-laki yang hidup pada masa kolonial Inggris di India. Novel ini terdiri dari lima bagian, dimana tiap bagiannya menunjukkan bagaimana Munoo sebagai seorang *coolie* berpindah ke banyak kota yang berbeda dan mencoba banyak pekerjaan serabutan yang berbeda-beda di India. Cerita ini menunjukkan pengaruh besar penjajah Inggris di dalam kehidupan sosial masyarakat India.

Dampak tidak langsung dari penjajahan Inggris yang dialami oleh kuli, golongan kelas bawah di India, dibagi menjadi tiga bagian: dampak sosial, dampak ekonomi dan dampak fisik. Penelitian ini yang difokuskan pada dampak-dampak tersebut menggunakan pendekatan poskolonial dan teori perbedaan kelas, untuk menjelaskan eksploitasi dan diskriminasi yang dialami oleh para pekerja serabutan di India.

Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa kuatnya pengaruh penjajahan Inggris di India pada aspek sosial dan ekonomi memicu perubahan dalam kehidupan masyarakat India. Masyarakat di India mulai dibagi menjadi dua bagian, superior dan inferior. Mereka memperlakukan orang lain berdasarkan kelas sosialnya. Kelompok pekerja tidak hanya didiskriminasi secara sosial, namun juga dieksploitasi ekonomi dan fisiknya oleh masyarakat India kelas atas, karena kelompok pekerja tersebut tergolong kedalam kelompok inferior di dalam masyarakat India.

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